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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : COMOR Action on JCS Proposed Tackle Mission

25X1D0a 1. At the COMOR meeting on 5 March the DIA representative mentioned that at the next Special Group meeting the JCS would request permission for a [REDACTED] border. He indicated that if any COMOR member wished to submit additional targets, he would submit them for incorporation in the flight plan. However, no COMOR views on the desirability of the mission were requested and COMOR did not recommend the proposed mission. On 8 March Colonel Steakley of the JRC submitted to the Special Group a request for the proposed [REDACTED]

25X1D0a 2. The attached DCID 2/7 which provides the charter for COMOR states: "The Committee shall coordinate the adaptation of priority foreign intelligence objectives and requirements established by USIB, members of USIB, or other committees of USIB, to the capabilities of existing and potential overhead reconnaissance systems....."

3. It would appear from the above that the Defense Department bypassed the intended COMOR function in the case of this specific mission. If the language of the DCID is not sufficiently strong or clear in this respect then perhaps it should be modified. Multilateral approaches to the Special Group for overflight missions can only lead to confusion.

25X1D0a 4. If this matter were discussed with Defense it is anticipated that they might refer to that portion of the attached DCID 2/7 which states "but does not include reconnaissance and aerial surveillance in direct support of actively combatant forces" and claim that the proposed South [REDACTED] was in "support of actively combatant forces". There is no agreed procedure for defining such a situation in this context.

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